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### Why Not Consider?

It is interesting, but not at all encouraging from the farmer's standpoint to note the developments in the general trend of affairs. The farmer, without argument, is the bulwark of the nation. The fruits of his labors feed the hungry, struggling multitudes. The distribution of his product, be it greater or less, stimulates, accordingly, all the avenues of commerce.

The great host of parasites, from producer to consumer, all sip their annual toll as he unloads his yearly output. Upon his skill, his energy, and his ever-varying prospects is focused the financial eye of the country. He makes a pretty good thermometer for the variations of railroad stocks, bank rates, manufacturing capacities, and business in general. He is, in fact, the pry-pole of the nation. When his prosperity is waxing, we have good times; all vocations are flush with business; everybody has a dollar to spend, and spends it, knowing it isn't difficult to replace. But, when his fortunes are waning, he is compelled to curtail, in rigid economy, not only all luxuries, but many absolute necessities. This curtailment dispatches, directly or indirectly, its chilling sensation into every nerve center of business, until every man, woman and child feels "hard up."

Taking a retrospective view along all the channels of business capital and labor, we find the railroad paddy and the farmer are about the only fellows left unorganized. The paddy draws about the same as he did twenty years ago. The farmer still takes what they give him, and pays what they ask him—same as 20 years ago, with the exception of the more up-to-date localities that have organized co-operative elevators, lumber yards, creameries, etc. These infant organizations if they were general the country over and bound into one great organization, would make a fearless giant, whose back and con would be catered to with the greatest respect.

Every organization emblazons its invisible motto: "In union there is strength." Such an organization, unlike organizations founded for the control of prices, could leave that to supply and demand, and still find plenty to do in a free-for-all fight for a square deal and the elimination of special privilege. To do this it would need shake the sandy foundation of all questionable politics.

In these days, when people are realizing that rigid party lines are, as a means, used for a rut to be fallen into; when principle and the man are chiefly to be sought for; such an organization of the agricultural interests would be no shabby balance of power. When the representatives of such an organization demanded a parcels post as a help to defray the government postal expenses, and as a blessing to every class of American citizens, with the exception of possibly a few express company millionaires would our entreaties be pigeon-holed from year to year?

When our demands for this, which foreign nations have enjoyed for years, became vexatious by disconcerting to express companies, would we accept the spoonful of soothing syrup administered to us in the way of a reduction in express rates under the hypocritical pretense of co-operation of express companies, as though they had been alien strangers all these decades?

When an administration, of any color of politics, asserted before going into power that their plank of tariff revision meant "revision downward, of course," dare it raise the wall higher on all manufactured articles and by rapid, stealthy strokes floor it on all our raw materials?

Would the representatives of such an organization stand idly by and not only witness the rupture made in the wall for grain, but foster and facilitate the passage of the long-fought ship subsidy, whereby any unscrupulous packer could burden our people to subsidize him for hauling Argentine meat into our market to compete with the price of our home-raised meat?

If our national prosperity must salute with bended knee to our high protective wall, and not to the increased production of the world's gold, then why tear holes in the wall? Why kill this dear hen that layeth the golden egg?

If the farmer must take the level of the World's market as his criterion by which to unload his crops as he has done with the surplus; and if this wall puncturing proposition is the proper thing, let's tear it all down. If

a little does good, no doubt more would do better. It's a queer gander that can't eat the diet of his goose.

When the wall is too low to bother much, we can unload our produce to the foreigner at the worlds figure and reload there with merchandise at the world's figure. If we must sell cheap, let us buy cheap, that the ever-important dollar may still do its duty.

Was it ever contradicted that the wall has made our factories rich? Have they not held prices far above that for which we could have imported its equivalent? Has not this wall fostered trusts to such an extent that the howl of "high cost of living" has deafened the echo of the "full dinner pail"?

The farmer, being by far the least of all benefited in this wonderful wall business is the innocent, small schoolboy scoured as a menacing example to the big guilty boy of whom the teacher is afraid. When the duty was removed from hides, did not the first farmer in with his load of fat steers feel the edge of the knife as it took its first slice of tariff? Did that same farmer experience the same sensation when he went home to buy a new pair of shoes made by the protected manufacturer from his unprotected hides? He certainly did—felt that electrical touch twice this time—but that's all right; he's not a manufacturer; he's just the unorganized farmer.

When you consider that our protected manufacturing prices, to dispose of their surplus, must lie their daughters, laden with gold bags, to foreign ports in quest of no-accounts, have you an authentic record showing a farmer's daughter committing such a mistake. Why not? She hasn't the required gold bags, and is endowed with too much sense.

Do not the farmers' hard earned cargoes of wheat, corn, oats, and cotton, his pork and beef, go to these very bags of gold, that we may keep the old mare going?

It is up to the farmer to keep an eagle eye on the source whence these large campaign funds are contributed most freely, for they make an elegant weather-vane and he has a best guess coming in determining the probable direction of the wind for a spell.

Scripture says: The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib.—W. S. A. D. in Wallace's Farmer.

Aug. Garling would like to see trees of some kind planted on all section lines in Kansas.

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I think most all land in Kansas will grow trees, if properly planted and cared for.  
Aug Garling.

Valentine Kramer was here from Clifton Wednesday on business.

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